

Vacancy Details

Personnel Notice: 99-15
Date Announced: 09/09/2015
Closing Date: 9/21/2015
Command: AGC (L)
Grade: GS-15
Type: Assistant Director (Environmental)

There is a vacancy for the position of Assistant Director within the Naval Litigation Office, Office of the General Counsel, Department of the Navy. The position is located at the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

The Naval Litigation Office (NLO) is part of the Office of the General Counsel for the Department of the Navy (DON), which generally provides all legal services throughout the Department in the area of commercial law, including litigation. Consistent with the procedures and policies of the Office of the General Counsel and NLO, the incumbent will supervise a team of three trial attorneys working closely with the Department of Justice to represent the DON in environmental litigation. The litigation may include claims under CERCLA, RCRA, and other statutes for contamination of real property, or involve environmental statutes such as the ESA, MMPA, NEPA, and other federal and state environmental laws. The cases are demanding, may involve hundreds of millions of dollars, and/or may affect DON operations.

The position will be filled under the General Schedule (GS) pay system at the GS-15 level. The successful applicant must have a minimum of five-and-a-half years of recent and relevant legal experience, including demonstrated experience in environmental law or complex litigation.

Candidates will be evaluated on the following: (1) depth and quality of experience in environmental law; (2) litigation experience; (3) experience supervising attorneys/paralegals; (4) excellence in legal analysis; (5) excellence in written and oral communication skills; and (6) interpersonal skills necessary to work cooperatively and effectively on difficult tasks under time pressure with people of diverse interests.

The successful applicant must have graduated from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association, be an active member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a State, U.S. Commonwealth, U.S. territory, or the District of Columbia, and be admitted to practice before a state or federal court. The successful applicant must possess a SECRET clearance or be able to obtain such a clearance. U.S. Citizenship is a requirement of the position.

Applicants should submit a cover letter explaining their interest in the position; an SF-171, OF-612, or a resume; two most recent performance appraisals, if available; two legal writing samples (preferably relating to environmental law); and the names and phone numbers of at least three references (other than their immediate supervisor) that may be contacted. Current federal government employees should indicate in their application their present GS level or equivalent and salary. Interested attorneys may contact Barry Plunkett, Special Counsel for Litigation, at (202) 685-6985 for additional information.

Hard copy applications should be submitted to:

Barry J. Plunkett III
Special Counsel for Litigation
Naval Litigation Office, Office of the General Department of the Navy
720 Kennon Street, S.E., Room 233, Building 36
Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20374-5013

Electronic submissions are highly encouraged and should be sent to Branden Combest at Branden.Combest@navy.mil.

This Personnel Notice will close at 11:59 PM EST on September 21, 2015, and application packages must be received by that date to be considered.

If the successful applicant is not currently a member of the Department of the Navy Office of the General Counsel, processing of the hiring action can only commence after submission of those items identified in the "Instructions for New OGC Attorneys" (see Careers section of www.ogc.navy.mil).

Applicants eligible for veterans' preference must specifically claim such eligibility in their cover letter, identify the basis for the claim, and include supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty or other supporting documentation) with their submission. Not all veterans are preference eligible.

For a summary of time periods, campaigns, and conditions that entitle an applicant to preference eligibility, please visit www.opm.gov/veterans and review the "Vets Info Guide" and the "Vets Guide." There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference for attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of the Navy Office of the General Counsel considers veterans' preference eligibility a positive factor in the attorney hiring process. Applicants who do not claim and do not provide adequate supporting documentation for veterans' preference will not receive the positive factor consideration.

The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy or gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor.

Reasonable Accommodation Policy Statement:

https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Reasonable_Accommodation_Policy_Statement

Legal and Regulatory Guidance: https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Legal_and_Regulatory_Guidance

Relocation expenses are not available.

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The Department of the Navy provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process should inform the individual identified in the personnel notice. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

VETERANS PREFERENCE IN HIRING

Department of the Navy attorney positions are in the excepted service, not the competitive civil service. There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of the Navy considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. If you are eligible for veterans' preference in hiring, you are encouraged to include that information in your application along with the supporting documentation, e.g., DD 214. Not all veterans are eligible for veterans' preference. To find out if you are, you may visit the Veterans' Preference Advisor, operated by the Department of Labor at <http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vets/vetpref/vetspref.htm>.